

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1.-15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The bicyclic aromatic compound ~~as defined by Claim 1, selected from among, which is:~~ 3-(3',5'-di-tert-butyl-2'-methoxy-3-biphenyl) acrylic acid; 3-(2'-benzyloxy-3', 5'-di-tert-butyl-6-hydroxy-3-biphenyl) acrylic acid; 3-(3'-5'-di-tert-butyl-6-hydroxy-2'-pentyloxy-3-biphenyl) acrylic acid; 3-(3',5'-di-tert-butyl-6-hydroxy-2'-methoxy-3-biphenyl) acrylic acid; 3-[3-(3-benzyloxy-5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl)-4-methoxymethoxyphenyl] acrylic acid; 3-[3-(3-benzyloxy-5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl)-4-hydroxyphenyl] acrylic acid; [4-methoxymethoxy-3-(3,5,5,8,8-pentamethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl) phenyl]propynoic acid; 3-[3-(3-propyloxy-5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl)-4-methoxymethoxyphenyl]acrylic acid; 3-[3-(3-pentyloxy-5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl)-4-methoxymethoxyphenyl]acrylic acid; 3-(5'-adamantan-1-yl-4'-methoxy-2'-methyl-3-biphenyl)acrylic acid; 3-(5'-adamantan-1-yl-6-hydroxy-4'-methoxy-2'-methyl-3-biphenyl)acrylic acid; 3-(5'-adamantan-1-yl-4'-methoxy-6-methoxymethoxy-2'-methyl-3-biphenyl)acrylic acid; 3-[4-methoxy-3-[3-(3-methoxybenzyloxy)-5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl]phenyl]acrylic acid; 3-[4-methoxy-3-[3-(4-methoxybenzyloxy)-5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl]phenyl]acrylic

acid; 3-{3-[3-(6-hydroxyhexyloxy)-5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl]-4-methoxyphenyl}acrylic acid; 3-{3-[3-(7-hydroxyheptyloxy)-5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl]-4-methoxyphenyl}acrylic acid; 3-{3-[3-(5-hydroxypentyloxy)-5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl]-4-methoxyphenyl}acrylic acid; 3-{3-[3-(3-hydroxypropyloxy)-5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl]-4-methoxyphenyl}acrylic acid; 3-{3-[3-(1-benzyloxy-5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl)phenyl]acrylic acid; 3-(3'-adamantan-1-yl-4'-hydroxy-3-biphenyl)acrylic acid; 5-[4-methoxy-3-(5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl)phenyl]-3-methylpenta-2,4-dienoic acid; 5-[4-methoxymethoxy-3-(5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl)phenyl]-3-methylpenta-2,4-dienoic acid; 5-[4-hydroxy-3-(5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl)phenyl]-3-methylpenta-2,4-dienoic acid; 3-{3-[3-(5-tert-butoxycarbonylpentyloxy)-5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl]-4-methoxyphenyl}acrylic acid; 3-{3-[3-(7-tert-butoxycarbonylheptyloxy)-5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl]-4-methoxyphenyl}acrylic acid; 3-{3-[3-(7-carboxyheptyloxy)-5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl]-4-methoxyphenyl}acrylic acid; 3-{3-[3-(5-carboxypentyloxy)-5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl]-4-methoxyphenyl}acrylic acid; 3-{3-[3-(5-carbamoylpentyloxy)-5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl]-4-methoxyphenyl}acrylic acid; 3-{3-[3-(7-carbamoylheptyloxy)-5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl]-4-methoxyphenyl}acrylic acid; 3-{4-methoxy-3-[5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-3-(2-morpholin-4-ylethoxy)-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl]phenyl}acrylic acid; 3-{4-methoxy-3-[5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-3-(2-piperidin-1-ylethoxy)-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl]phenyl}acrylic acid; 3-{4-methoxy-3-[3-(2-methoxymethoxybenzyloxy)-5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl]phenyl}acrylic acid; 3-{4-methoxy-3-[3-(3-

methoxymethoxybenzyloxy)-5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl]phenyl]acrylic acid; 3-[4-methoxy-3-[3-(4-methoxymethoxybenzyloxy)-5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl]phenyl]acrylic acid; 3-[4-methoxy-3-[3-(3-hydroxybenzyloxy)-5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl]phenyl]acrylic acid; 3-[4-fluoro-3-(3,5,5,8,8-pentamethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl)phenyl]acrylic acid; 3-[4-hydroxy-3-[3-(3-methoxybenzyloxy)-5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl]phenyl]acrylic acid; 3-[4-hydroxy-3-[3-(4-methoxybenzyloxy)-5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl]phenyl]acrylic acid; 3-[4-hydroxy-3-[3-(4-fluorobenzyloxy)-5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl]phenyl]acrylic acid; 3-[4-hydroxy-3-[3-(4-chlorobenzyloxy)-5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl]phenyl]acrylic acid; 3-[4-hydroxy-3-(3-methoxymethoxy-5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl)phenyl]acrylic acid; 3-(3',5'-di-*tert*-butyl-6-hydroxy-2'-propyloxy-3-biphenyl)acrylic acid; 3-(3',5'-di-*tert*-butyl-6-hydroxy-2'-butoxy-3-biphenyl)acrylic acid; 3-(2'-butoxy-3',5'-di-*tert*-butyl-6-methoxy-3-biphenyl)acrylic acid; 3-(3',5'-di-*tert*-butyl-6-methoxy-2'-propoxy-3-biphenyl)acrylic acid; 3-[4-hydroxy-3-(5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-4-propoxy-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl)phenyl]acrylic acid; 3-[3-(3-benzyloxy-5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl)-4-methoxyphenyl]acrylic acid; ethyl 3-[3-(3-benzyloxy-5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl)-4-methoxyphenyl]acrylate; 3-methyl-5-[3-(3,5,5,8,8-pentamethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl)phenyl]penta-2,4-dienoic acid; 3-[3-(3-benzyloxy-5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl)-4-methoxyphenyl]prop-2-en-1-ol; 3-[3-(3-benzyloxy-5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl)-4-methoxyphenyl]propenal; N-ethyl 3-[3-(3-benzyloxy-5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl)-4-methoxyphenyl]acrylamide; 3-[3-(3-benzyloxy-5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl)-4-methoxyphenyl]-1-

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morpholin-4-yl-propenone; N-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-3-[3-(3-benzyloxy-5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl)-4-methoxyphenyl]acrylamide; 5-(5'-adamantan-1-yl-4'-methoxy-2'-methyl-3-biphenyl)-3-methylpenta-2,4-dienoic acid; 5-[4-methoxymethoxy-3-(3,5,5,8,8-pentamethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl)phenyl]-3-methylpenta-2,4-dienoic acid; 5-[4-hydroxy-3-(3,5,5,8,8-pentamethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl)phenyl]-3-methylpenta-2,4-dienoic acid; 4-[3-(3,5,5,8,8-pentamethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl)phenyl]penta-2,4-dienoic acid; 5-(3',5'-di-*tert*-butyl-2'-methoxy-3-biphenyl)-3-methylpenta-2,4-dienoic acid; 5-(3'-5'-di-*tert*-butyl-2'-propoxy-3-biphenyl)-3-methylpenta-2,4-dienoic acid; 5-(2'-butoxy-3',5'-di-*tert*-butyl-3-biphenyl)-3-methylpenta-2,4-dienoic acid; 5-(2'-butoxy-3',5'-di-*tert*-butyl-6-hydroxy-3-biphenyl)-3-methylpenta-2,4-dienoic acid; 5-(3',5'-di-*tert*-butyl-6-hydroxy-2'-propoxy-3-biphenyl)-3-methylpenta-2,4-dienoic acid; or 5-(3',5'-di-*tert*-butyl-6-hydroxy-2'-methoxy-3-biphenyl)-3-methylpenta-2,4-dienoic acid.

17.-57. (Canceled)